



MEDIA RELEASE

DUI Round-Up 48 Arrests in February 2013

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In February 2013 officers from the Santa Barbara Police Department made 48 arrests for driving under the influence violations. Numerous arrests are made each month when concerned citizens call 911 after witnessing possible DUI drivers. The SBPD would like to thank the responsible citizens who take the time to call and report suspected drunk drivers. The following is information on a few of those cases.

2/2/13 at 10:00 p.m.: Mallory Helene Price (age 25) drove her vehicle into a DUI checkpoint on the 400 block of Garden Street. Immediately after entering the checkpoint zone Price drove her vehicle into a private driveway where she and her passenger quickly exited the vehicle and fled into a back yard. Officer Hill and Officer Washington contacted Price and her passenger who were unable to escape the private back yard due to the height of the fence. Officer Hill spoke with Price who admitted to driving and deliberately abandoning her car keys somewhere in the yard. Officer Hill noticed price had a strong odor of alcohol, had bloodshot watery eyes, and was slurring her speech. He conducted an investigation to determine if she was DUI and subsequently arrested her. Price chose to submit to a breath test and provided two samples which registered her BAC at .21 and .20. Price was issued a citation for DUI and released to the care of her parents.

2/5/13 at 3:49 p.m.: Juan Torres (age 45) was involved in a traffic collision where he rear ended another vehicle at the intersection of San Roque Road and State Street. Officers were called to the scene to investigate the collision. The driver of the victim vehicle informed the police dispatcher that he thought Torres was intoxicated; he also advised that Torres had asked him to not call the police. Officer Morton arrived and contacted Torres to conduct a DUI investigation. Officer Morton noticed that Torres smelled strongly of alcohol, had slurred and slow speech, and was very unsteady on his feet. Officer Morton determined that Torres was too intoxicated to safely operate a motor vehicle and placed him under arrest for DUI. Torres chose to submit to a breath test and provided two samples which registered his BAC at .25 and .23. Torres made several statements indicating that he did not think it was a big deal that he had struck another vehicle and that he did not believe the police should have been called. Torres was issued a citation for DUI and admitted into the Sobering Center.

2/7/13 at 11:52 p.m.: Jami Lee Sanders (age 32) drove through the intersection of Mission Street and Modoc Road, failing to stop for a stop sign. She was traveling at such a high rate of speed that her tires screeched as she made the turn from Mission Street onto Modoc Road. Officer Radujko was nearby, witnessed the violation, and conducted a traffic stop on Sanders's vehicle. Upon contact Officer Radujko noticed that Sanders was displaying signs of intoxication including bloodshot watery eyes, an odor of

alcohol, and an inability to follow instructions. Sanders said she had consumed one beer approximately four hours prior to driving. Officer Radujko had Sanders exit her vehicle and conducted a DUI investigation. As he was doing so Officer Radujko was advised by SBPD dispatch that a citizen had called 9-1-1 to report a possible drunk driver with the same vehicle description and license plate number as Sanders. Officer Radujko determined that Sanders was too intoxicated to safely operate a motor vehicle and placed her under arrest for DUI. Sanders chose to submit to a blood test which registered her BAC at .22. Sanders was issued a citation for DUI and admitted into the Sobering Center.

2/17/13 at 2:00 p.m.: Michael David Mannerberg was involved in a traffic collision on the 200 block of W. Quinto Street. Officers had already been dispatched to the area of the liquor store at 2700 De La Vina Street on a citizen report of a possible drunk driver when 9-1-1 operators received the call that a traffic collision had just occurred. Mannerberg's vehicle was described as the one being driven by the possible drunk driver. Officer Montag and Officer Denbrook arrived on scene and saw that Mannerberg's vehicle had collided with a parked car and was resting on the curb. Mannerberg was located sitting on a couch in his garage next to the collision scene. Officer Denbrook inquired about the collision at which time Mannerberg denied having any involvement in an accident. Even when confronted with the evidence of his vehicle on the curb and against another car Mannerberg denied that collision had taken place. Officer Denbrook saw that Mannerberg was very intoxicated and was unable to stand without assistance. He conducted a DUI investigation and placed Mannerberg under arrest for DUI. Mannerberg chose to provide a blood test which registered his BAC at .35. Mannerberg was booked at County Jail.

2/17/13 at 4:40 p.m.: Eric Adan Amienta Celleja (age 29) was driving his truck when he backed into another vehicle in the area of Scenic Drive and Harbor View Drive. Officer Ortega, Officer Garcia, and Officer Tuazon responded to the call and contacted the victim whose car Celleja had struck. The victim had attempted to follow Celleja from the scene of the accident but lost sight of his truck as it drove into the Harbor View Apartments. As the officers were speaking with the victim, Celleja was observed driving his truck out of the apartment complex. Officer Garcia followed Celleja's vehicle and contacted him in a nearby Vons parking lot. Officer Garcia immediately noticed a strong odor of alcohol emanating from Celleja. Celleja denied being involved in a collision and initially stated that he had not consumed any alcohol. He later amended his statement and said he had consumed one drink at 10:00 a.m., and then later stated he had one drink at noon. Officer Garcia conducted a DUI investigation and determined that Celleja was too intoxicated to safely operate a motor vehicle. Celleja was placed under arrest for DUI and hit-and-run. He chose to submit to a breath test which registered his BAC at .18 and .18. The damage on Celleja's vehicle was consistent with the damage to the victim's vehicle. Celleja was issued a citation and admitted into the Sobering Center.

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